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SUBJECT:INITIAL REACTION TO SENATOR JACKSON'S PRESS

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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL REPORTS OF SENATOR JACKSON'S JULY 8 PRESS CONFERENCE HAVE UNIFORMLY IGNORED SENATOR'S PROPOSAL TO REVERSE EMBASSY AND LIAISON OFFICE. EVIDENTLY DISTURBED BY POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN U.S., GROC THUS FAR APPARENTLY HAS ORCHESTRATED PRESS COVERAGE STRESSING US (DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN KING) RE-AFFIRMATIONNNNTS COMMITMENTS IN ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE. EDITORIALS INCLUDE PLEA THAT US ADHERE TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND NOT MOVE BEYOND CURRENT STATUS QUO. END SUMMARY.

2. GROC THUS FAR APPARENTLY HAS ORCHESTRATED PRESS COVERAGE OF SENATOR JACKSON'S JULY 8 PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) IN ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE. GOVERNMENT UN-CONFIDENTIAL

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DOUBTEDLY IS DISTURBED BY POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS SENATOR

JACKSON'S CHINA POSITION BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN US.
THUS ALL NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS IDENTICAL TO JULY 9
CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORT, UNDER HEADLINES STATING US
REAFFIRMS POLICY OF KEEPING TREATY COMMITMENTS TO ROC.
REPORTS DRAW FROM KING STATEMENT, STRESSING US POLICY
-UNCHANGED" DESPITE JACKSON PROPOSALS.

3. CNA VERSION OF PRESS CONFERENCE IGNORES JACKSON'S
PROPOSAL TO REVERSE EMBASSY AND LIAISON OFFICE. REPORTS
NOTE ONLY THAT "WHILE JACKSON FAVORED A MORE RAPID MOVE
TOWARD 'DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION' OF PEIPING, HE DID NOT
SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON WITHDRAW ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS
TO TAIPEI...JACKSON COCEDED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS
STILL 'HONOR BOUND' BY TREATY WITH ROC." IN APPARENT
ATTEMPT TO DEBUNK JACKSON'S IMPACT ON U.S. POLITICS,
CNA REPORTED USG"DECISON" NOT TO COMMENT ON HIS VIEWS
AT ALL. EARLIER PRESS REPORTS STRESSING TASS
BRANDING OF JACKSON AS MOUTHPIECE OF MAO REGIME, AS
WELL AS COMMENTARY THAT JACKSON FOOLED BY COMMUNITSTS,
ALSO REFLECT ATTEMPT HERE TO CAST SENATOR, FORMERLY
VIEWED HERE AS A FRIEND, IN WORST POSSIBLE LIGHT.

4. EDITORIALS REVEAL GREATER CONCERN--WITHOUT SPELLING
OUT JACKSON PROPOSAL. CHINA NEWS JULY 10 EDITORIAL
(REF C) CONTAINED PLEA THAT U.S. POLICY SHOULD ADHERE TO
AND NOT GO BEYOND SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE: PRESIDENT AND
USG"ALREADY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO A SOLUTION OF THE
CHINA PROBLEM BY THE CHINESE.HAVING DONE SO, THE PROPER
INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE US IS TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS
QUO IN CHINA RELATIONS." LIEN HO PAO (JULY 11) NOTED PRC
OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO USE SENATOR JACKSON'S INFLUENCE
TO FORCE NIXON ADMINISTRATION TO ACCELERATE ITS "NORMAL-
IZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS". EDIT COMMENTED THAT IF
REPORTED PESIDENTIAL VISIT TO CHINA MAINLAND BEFORE
YEAR END MATERIALIZES, SENATOR JACKSON'S TRIP IS
APPARENT CAUSE. KMT-OWNED CHUNG YANG JIH PAO, TERMING
JACKSON STATEMENT AS POLITICAL CANDIDATE'S PREDILECTIN
FOR "SHOCKING STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS", PREDICTED HE WOULD
FAIL BOTH IN RESTRAINING USSR BY UNITING WITH
MAOISTS AND IN OPPOSING
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PRESIDENT BY ADVOCATING NEW POLICY COURSE.

5. RAISING JACKSON VISIT DURING JULY 10 LUNCHEON WITH
POLCOUNS, MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ED KUAN
WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER PRC GAVE ANY INDICATION
THAT JACKSON'S PROPOSAL AN ACCEPTABL SOLUTION TO
TAIWAN PROBLEM.
JACKSON VISIT AND EXPECTATIONS OF SECRETARIAL AND

POSSIBLY PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO PRC IN NEAR FUTURE ARE
AGAIN FOCUSSED ATTENTION ON THE ROC-PRC-US TRIANGLE
AND ANXIETIES WHICH SLIPPED BELOW THE SURFACE IN THE
MONTHS FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT ARE BEGINNING TO
RE-EMERGE.
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